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Staff Photos by Frank Antonio

ABOVE: "Empire" provides the musical background at the AS Ball last Saturday night. RIGHT: "One more Shirley Temple, comin' up." One of the several no-host bars serves up refreshments at the dance. Another photo, story, page 2.



Pre-registration set in Camino Lounge

by WILLIAM LICHT
Staff Writer

If papers and exams aren't enough, don't forget that pre-registration for Fall '78 begins on April 24th in the "L" shaped lounge (Camino Hall rm. 176).

Grads, Seniors, and Juniors:

Monday, April 24th - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25th - 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sophmores:

Wednesday, April 26th - 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 27th - 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Freshmen (Freshpersons)

Monday, May 1st - 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2nd - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

All persons failing to register at their prescribed times may do so at any of the following times.

To register you must have an "Academic Advisement Card" signed by your advisor. Present it to one of the friendly clerks and they will pull the classes you have listed. When you get the cards, better check to see that they are correct. This can save hassles in the future. Class cards are not substitutable. Start filling out the mounds of bureaucratic paper work remembering to follow the clear and concise instructions on your registration envelope. Enter the Student I.D. number found on your registration envelope on all paper work when indicated. For classes with lab, fill out both lecture and lab cards. For 199 and/or 299 classes, be sure to fill out the units for which you are registering. Independent study class cards must be picked up in the Dean's Office and require prior approval.

If you weather pre-registration, you will then be faced with two options. *Option number one:* You will receive a bill in the mail for your pre-registered classes. Registration can be completed if you mail in your payment (in full) by August 15, 1978.

Option number two: Failing to meet that deadline, you may complete the process by coming in person on September 6, 1978. Failure to exercise either of these two options means that you may forfeit your class reservations. Don't feel afraid to show your ignorance by asking questions. With a lot of luck you may find someone who has the answers.

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AS petitions now available

Petitions for positions as class Senators for the Associated Student Senate are available along with campaign regulations in the ASB office in the Student Union today. The signed petitions must be turned into the ASB office by 12:00 noon, Thursday, April 27, 1978. Speeches will take place at noon in the Student Union Monday, May 1 and in the cafeteria Tuesday, May 2. Voting will be Wednesday, May 3.

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Serra
12:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Cafeteria
1:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Serra

Thursday: May 4

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Serra
12:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Cafeteria
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Serra

If a runoff is necessary it will be Friday, May 5.

'Little Mary Sunshine' to run next weekend

The USD Opera Workshop production of *Little Mary Sunshine* will be presented in the Camino Theater next Thursday through Sunday. The musical comedy revolving around the exploits of a Troop of the Forest Rangers, their search for the "lost" tribe of Kadotas, and the numerous romances that ensue between the Rangers and the young ladies at the Colorado Inn, is a spoof of the earlier operettas of such composers as Victor Herbert.

Many people have put long hours and much creative effort into what director Robert Austin calls "the best and most

polished musical production ever staged here at USD." The cast will be singing accompanied by a full orchestra, and Mike Taylor as Captain Big Jim Warrington will woo the affections of Linda Maker as Little Mary Sunshine against a set designed and constructed by USD art students.

The performances Thursday, April 27 through Saturday, April 29 will be evening shows beginning at 8:15, while the Sunday show will be a 2:30 matinee. Adult admission is \$2.50. Off-campus students and seniors get in for \$1.50, and USD Student tickets are only 75¢.

INTER-CLUB COMMITTEE PROPOSED

Phi Sigma Tau continues activities

by JOHN CARROLL
Staff Writer

The many blue and yellow posters inviting students to the Human Rights Symposium have made USD students more aware of the National Honor Society in Philosophy or Phi Sigma Tau. Yet most students do not know the history, function, and goals of the organization. Before USD was able to begin its chapter of the Society in September of 1972 there were several criteria it had to fulfill. USD was required to have a major in Philosophy as well as a specific number of students in that major. At least ten Philosophy classes had to be offered each semester. Also required was an adequate amount of reference materials in the library for students majoring or minoring in Philosophy. Many other colleges and Universities could not meet these requirements. USD submitted a petition to the Society's general office at Marquette University

which then sent the petition to other member universities who then voted on the petition. After USD was accepted, Dr. Morin, representing the administration, received the charter from the president of the National Honor Society in Philosophy.

"Our main goal is a continuous effort to bring important and intellectual issues to USD."

Dr. Joseph Ghougassian, faculty advisor for Phi Sigma Tau, explained some of the goals of the Society. "Our main goal is a continuous effort to bring important and intellectual issues to USD students," he said. Each semester Phi Sigma Tau picks a lecture topic appropriate at the time. Previous topics include ERA, Ethics and New Biology, and Technology and Man. The Society fosters a dialogue

between philosophers and non-philosophers.

This semester's topic has been on Human Rights. Ronald Hunt, Phi Sigma Tau's current president said it was impossible to avoid political issues in the discussions because the political and the philosophical overlap. The president's political philosophies become his policy.

The Society's membership is open to all students who have taken at least twelve units in philosophy and have a 3.00 GPA or better. Members have the responsibility of recruiting new members. This year eight students have joined. One interesting aspect of the Society is that members do not lose their membership upon graduation. The Society continues to keep them informed through newsletters and an annual journal. One USD student, Pamela Sommers, had an article published in the journal last year. Her article on the Atheism

of Camus was accepted over those from many prestigious universities including Harvard.

Dr. Ghougassian and Ronald Hunt propose that Phi Sigma Tau and other clubs on the campus should meet and form an inter-club committee to choose speakers and provide adequate finances. Dr. Ghougassian said that Phi Sigma Tau was "the most active and meaningful organization on USD." He said most other clubs are dead because of the lack of funds. The proposed committee could easily alleviate the situation. Dr. Ghougassian also criticized the Speaker's Bureau for their choice of speakers. He said the ASB has the responsibility to foster intellectual activity and not merely entertainment which can be found at TGIF's or dances. Other campus clubs who wish to discuss the prospect of an inter-club committee should contact Ronald Hunt at 281-4600.

DR. JAMES OTTE TO BE TOUR GUIDE

USD to offer summer course of European travel

Just about everyone has probably thought about traveling to Europe. For those students who will have both the time and the money (\$1799, a remarkably reasonable price) this summer, USD will be offering a class in European travels. The course will emphasize the history and art history of the Greco-Roman civilization, Medieval Europe, and the Renaissance.

Dr. James Otte, USD professor, will be the class instructor, tour guide, and thrill-seeker. Originally from Germany, Otte is as familiar with the European area as he is with the USD campus. The trip will be conducted from June 26 through July 24, 1978.

Entitled "Romanic Europe," the tour will begin in the city of Rome. In the four days stay in this ancient city, the students will visit the Forum, Colosseum, and St. Peter's Cathedral, as well as numerous other sites in the city. Next the class will visit Athens, where they will enjoy the

fantastic Greek cuisine and the historical sites of ancient democracy for four days.

The tour will be further conducted along the narrow Canal of Corinth. Aboard an ocean liner, the students will cruise along the coasts of Albania, and Yugoslavia, cross the Adriatic Sea and enter the harbor of Venice where they will remain for two days of sight-seeing.

Next stop will be a four day stay in Florence, the Italian center of magnificent art galleries and crowded straw markets and home of such past geniuses as DaVinci and Michelangelo. The class will then spend three days touring and traveling over the Alps and into Austria and Germany. They will watch the figures dance in the Glockenspiel and visit the Numphenburg Palace, view the Frauenkirche and enjoy Germany's liquid bread in the Hofbrauhaus.

From Munich, Germany, the

class will travel to Paris to relish the city's beautiful cathedrals (including the famous Notre Dame), feast on luscious French pastries and browse through the 200 galleries which contain the best of the world's art.

London is the last stop for Otte and his class. Here they will become personally familiar with the Parliament buildings,

Piccadilly Square, the infamous Tower and the royal Windsor Castle.

Total cost for the program is \$1799 which includes air transportation from Los Angeles to Rome, cruise, land transportation and return from London to Los Angeles, hotels, two meals daily, transfers, museums, and gratuities. Credit

and tuition is optional. Registration for travel and further information may be obtained by contacting Dr. James Otte, Founders room 160, or 291-6480, ext. 4447. Next week the VISTA will inform all those interested in the class about a meeting. Look for the date and time in next week's Up and Coming.



Staff Photo by Frank Antonio

USD STUDENTS get into the disco rhythms of the band at the AS Ball. (Who is that mystery man boogying down at far left?)

AS Ball proves "quite a gala affair"

by FRANK ANTONIO
Staff Writer

The A.S.B. Ball held Saturday night, can only be described as an exciting, well-planned success.

It was quite the gala affair, as was predicted by Gene Gorski, A.S.B. social chairman, the driving force behind the scenes.

The long dinner tables, adorned with colorful flowers and lit candles, filled only half of

the banquet hall at the Sheraton Airport Inn on Harbor Island. The other half of the room contained five bars, an endless supply of Hor d'oeuvres, two large dance floors, and a six piece band.

Heavy winds and light showers dampened an otherwise delightful evening.

The band called themselves 'Empire', and as a unit were the

best local dance band I've heard to date. They played rock and roll, disco, and (many) slower songs, in consideration of the evening's newer and also older romances. Their sound was accomplished with the help of a horn section, keyboard, bass, lead, rhythm guitars, and a steady beat from the drummer.

The Hor d'oeuvres could have been used as a dinner for some, because of the variety of delicacies that included cheeses, cold cuts, fruits, vegetables, and assorted finger sandwiches.

There were approximately five hundred people in attendance, and the majority didn't arrive until around ten o'clock. Arrivals could be seen coming in even until midnight.

The dance wasn't without its special moments. First off, I must say that I've never seen so many hats worn to a formal dance. There were Dick Tracy styled hats, baseball caps, and even a french beret. Of course I mustn't forget to mention the fellow with the nice dark suit, wearing white sneakers.

All told, the evening cost our A.S.B. around \$1,600.00, and as Gorski jokingly put it, "that doesn't include all my time and all my labor...., but I can't collect that, 'cause I don't have a receipt for it."

It was a lot of work, that took months of planning and negotiations. But to Gene Gorski, the crowning moment, the thing that made it all worthwhile, was when he realized, "this is the very first time nobody complained about anything."

Well Mr. Gorski, you should feel proud, for the amazing job you've done. Not only for our A.S.B. ball, but for the effort that you've exerted all year round.

Up and Coming

HEY BOYS AND GIRLS

Why not give your parents a call and invite them to join you on campus this Sunday, April 23, for the Parent's Association Family Mass and Brunch. The mass begins at 9:30 am in Founders Chapel and is immediately followed by the brunch in DeSales Dining Hall. If you want more information or reservations, contact the Parent Relations Office, DeSales Hall, X4294.

SCUBA DOOBA DOO!!!

There will be a USD/UCSD scuba club beach party at 11:00 on Sunday, April 23. The bash takes place at LaJolla shores by lifeguard tower twelve. For all you non-math majors, 12 is equivalent to two hands and two toes. There will be plenty of food, munchies and fun. The fun includes an underwater scuba diving pyramid contest and an underwater easter egg hunt. All fun loving scuba divers are welcome to come, or however you wish to react.

COFFEEHOUSE TONIGHT

The Coffeehouse, tea drinkers are invited too, will feature Kevin and Kellie Evans Friday, April 21, 1978 at 8 pm in the Student Union. Kellie is a music major right here at USD. Kevin is a songwriter from L.A. through BMI songwriters showcase, with cuts on Asylum Records. If you like traditional folk and original music then be there.

ASSOCIATED STUDENT EVALUATIONS

The Fall 1977 Associated Student Evaluation forms have been tabulated and the results are located in the ASB office. The data is representative of the teachers who cooperated with this survey. Anyone interested in the results come to the ASB office.

FOOD DRIVE

Anyone wishing to donate canned goods to the Community Food Bank for National Food Week is encouraged to do so today. Donations may be left in the ASB Office until 5:00 today, Friday - April 21st. Thank you.

DANCING? YOU CAN ACCOUNT ON IT

All the USD students are invited to join the fun and festivities at the eighth annual accounting society banquet to be held next Friday evening, May 5, at the San Diego Hilton. The price of \$6 for USD students and \$9 for non-students includes a buffet dinner and disco dancing. Tickets may be purchased in the school of business and serra hall. Don't miss the fun.

COMPUTER FRAUD

David Curnow, who was to speak on computer fraud on April 6, is now rescheduled for April 26. Be in room S, 120 at 11:15 and come prepared to hear Curnow's unique approach to computers.

BE A THIRD AGE INTERN

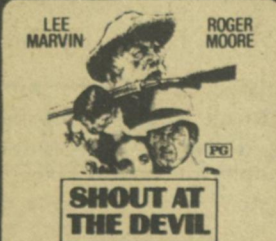
Students interested in helping the Third Age program for the elderly should contact Patricia Ferner of the Sociology Department.

TGIF TODAY

The inimitable and fraternal Babcock Brothers are sponsoring a TG today. Same time and same place.



7% Solution
May 2, 1978
8:00 P.M.
Camino Theater



Shout at the Devil
— plus —
Bullitt
April 25, 1978
Camino Theater
7:00 P.M.

Classified Ads

FAY ESCROW,
me & yu & me & yu & me & yu
A stream of gold,
(tap, tap, tap . . .)
The love it holds.
(excuse me . . .)
me & yu & me & yu & me & yu
You I love,
800-800's replacement

CHICAGO: Students interested in shipping tv's, bikes, stereos, furniture, books, clothes, etc. to Chicago area call 291-0581 (this weekend). Leave message, ask for Jim.

FEMALE ROOMMATE wanted for Fall 1978, to find a reasonable Apt. near USD. Neat, non-smoker preferred. Call Jeannie Rush, 292-0285.

SEX - Wanted - Impotent Males. Must be currently married or in ongoing single relationship. Sex therapy provided in conjunction with psychological study. Contact Mark Lassleben 753-6160.

RIDE — I need a ride to Seattle for the summer and willing to help pay for gas expenses. If you can help me out, call Adrienne Thevenet at 296-3246.

TRAVEL — Unique tour, ART IN ITALY, university credit possible. 6 weeks. \$1,450. Call Jannone Travel: (714) 297-3876.

Baseballers Take a Swing at NCAA Playoff Berth

by PAUL MENDES
Sports Info Director

The Southern California Baseball Alliance leader CS Northridge (12-3) visits the University of San Diego (9-9) this weekend for what should be an entertaining three-game series. The first game is scheduled for Friday afternoon, Apr. 21 at 2:30 p.m., with the final two games slated in a doubleheader on Saturday, Apr. 22 starting at 12 noon.

USD (20-13) is coming off a doubleheader sweep against Chapman College last Saturday which was crucial to Torero playoff hopes. The top teams in the Alliance will be selected to the NCAA Division II Western Regional Playoffs which will be held in May. If USD hopes to be a playoff contender, the series with Northridge and next week's give-game series with Cal Poly Pomona will give the Toreros the opportunity to earn a spot for themselves.

CS Northridge hold a 2-1 edge in the series between the two

schools this year. It has two of the top Alliance hitters in Conrad Negron (.438) and Roger Franco (.370).

Coming up with game winning hits in both wins over Chapman College was right fielder Paul Engel. This helped earn Paul "Player of the Week" honors as he was 5 for 12 on the week with three RBI.

Also swinging hot bats last week were Bill Heberle and Jaime Paredes. Heberle was 6 for 15 with Paredes going 6 for 12. This raised their season averages to .272 and .280 respectively.

Mike Saverino, sophomore shortstop, has finally reached the three hundred mark at .301. He accomplished this by going 5 for 13 last week. Jeff Tipton is right at .300 on the season.

Dan Flanagan, senior lefthander, is tied for the most wins in the Alliance with a 7-3 season record. Also with seven wins are Jim Simmerle (Chapman 7-2), and Erik Hendricks (Chapman 7-4).

Conspiracy Does it Again

Proving that its fall coed softball championship was no "fluke," "Conspiracy" did a repeat job in the rain-delayed, but finally completed, Coed Softball Tourney last Saturday.

Led by the hitting of the dynamic "Moot-Tige" duo, and the fielding of Margaret Mauro, Annette Liberatore's squad beat Frank Walsh's "Somef's" 9-3 in the semi's and then went on to handle Charlie Hogquist's law contingent 7-3 in the final game. The law squad had reached the final game via a 4-3 two-out, two-run seventh inning victory over the "Eunuchs." In the finals, a four run first inning featuring triples by "Moot" and Brian Erwin, plus a Margaret Mauro double, was enough to win the game, but no one knew it then as the Law Squad scored two themselves in the bottom of the inning. Scoring three more in the sixth, "Conspiracy" went into the final frame with the game ending 7-3 lead. Margaret Mauro's sensational double-play in the seventh put an end to "Charlie's Law" last ditch rally

and prompted one bench opponent to remark "that girl killed us the whole game." Winning pitcher in the final game was Captain Annette Liberatore herself, filling in for "Conspiracy's ace, Katy Riddell, who was forced to retire with a leg injury in the semi-final game.

"MEN'S TOURNEY MARCHES ON . . ."

The Undergrad Softball Double Elimination Tourney, still fighting the weather, takes another step forward today with action beginning at 1:25 on the Sports Center diamond. Last week found the Phi Kaps and T.K.E.'s down and out with their second loss, and the "Eunuchs," "Conspiracy" and "Free Agents" the only undefeated squads left in the race. Today's winner bracket finds "Conspiracy" and "Free Agents" battling at 12:15 with the winner playing the "Eunuchs" at 5:00 p.m. Three more teams will bite the dust after today's loser bracket games featuring "Kona Gold" vs "Satyrs" at 1:25, "Lagnaf" vs. "P/P Ballers" at 2:35, and "Onomatopoeia" clashing with the "Classic Crew" at 3:45. Jimmy-the-Greek has promised to forward exclusive odds to next week's Vista on the six teams still left in contention after today.

Last week's scores:

Eunuchs 13 - P/P Ballers 2
Conspiracy 21-Onomatopoeia 8
Free Agents 13 - Classic Crew 1
Kona Gold 12 - Phi Kaps 11
Satyrs over T.K.E. (Forfeit)

Tennis Slated

Both the USD men's and women's tennis teams return to Southern California after performing in the Bay Area last week.

The men travel to Long Beach State for a match at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Apr. 21. The Toreros return home on Saturday Apr. 22 to host Division II upstart CS Bakersfield at 10 a.m.

The girls play a tough match on Thursday Apr. 20 as USD travels to the University of Southern California for a 1:30 p.m. match. Like the men the women are home Saturday Apr. 22 as at 1:30 p.m. the Toreros host Brigham Young University.

The next action for both teams will be the Ojai Tournament Apr. 27-29.



COED SOFTBALL CHAMPS — Sitting: (L to R) Annette Liberatore, Karen Davidson, Kneeling: Ernie Erke, Cathy Quinn, Brian Erwin, Standing: "Tige" Schau, Dan Fasani, Doug Stonn, "Moot" Moothart.

Women Spikers Near Finale

USD's women's volleyball team is nearing the end of a very busy and successful second semester season. Playing under the sponsorship of the La Jolla Beach & Volleyball club, the women took 3rds in United States Volleyball Association tournaments in San Diego, Long Beach and Oxnard and second at Las Vegas and Long Beach. In individual matches, they defeated the Instituto Tecnologico Regional and the Universidad Autonoma de Baja California in exhibitions held in Tecate, Mexico and crushed San Diego Evening College in an exhibition at Grossmont College. April 21-23 the spikers close out their season when they

travel to Hermosillo, Mexico to play a series of matches against the University of Sonora.

Members of the team include: Suzi Amundson, Becky Carnes, Joani Klein, Chris Martinez, Lisa Roach, Anne Rudy, Emily Wiley and Sheila Wright.

Football Clinic Sunday, April 23

In a continuing effort to aid the San Diego community, the University of San Diego football coaching staff will be conducting its "Fifth Annual Coaches Clinic" on Sunday, April 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Torero head coach Bill Williams once again will serve as host for the visiting coaches and guests.

Football coaches from all levels of competition are welcome to attend the on-the-field clinic, in which demonstrations of technique will be executed by current USD football players.

All phases of offense and defense will be illustrated throughout the day-long clinic. Last year's clinic drew over 200 coaches from not only San Diego, but Los Angeles and Central California.

For further information, contact Bill Williams at the University of San Diego.

USD Torero wins NCAA Scholarship

Mike Strode entered collegiate basketball a walk-on player; he leaves collegiate basketball the recipient of a coveted NCAA scholarship. The University of San Diego Toreros' guard has been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship for postgraduate study at the university of his choice. Under the coaching of Jim Brovelli, the Toreros were quarter-finalists in the 1978 NCAA Division II national championship.

Interested in international law, Strode hopes to enter USD's School of Law in September. He is treasurer of Phi Sigma Tau, national philosophy honor society; security director and assistant manager of The Lark and Concert Activities, and a member of the Hawaiian Club. "They put in right for me" commented Strode of his four years at USD. "I've had some fine professors here, people like John Swanke, Irving Parker, Joe Ghougassian, John Opdyke. Some will remain my friends for good." On receiving news of the award, Strode remarked: "It's something nice to give to my parents." Strode is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Strode of Granada Hills, Calif.

The NCAA annually awards fifteen scholarships to players of more than 700 university and college basketball teams. Criteria include academic distinction; intent to pursue postgraduate studies full time; conduct on and off the field that is a credit to the athlete, his institution, and the ideals and objectives of American higher education; and leadership in activities other than academic and athletic.



MILLER SPORTS AWARD — PAUL ENGEL — the sophomore from Grossmont went 5-12 at bat last week. The Torero rightfielders RBI's raised his season average to .292.

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Editor, David K. Rankin

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Especially for Theo Majors

by PESTA and LICHT
Staff Writers

Driving home from a nursing assignment, the two nuns ran out of gas. Flagging down a passing truck, the driver was more than happy to oblige.

"I'd siphon some gas out of my tank, but I don't have anything to put it in."

"That's alright," replied the nun, "we have a bed pan in the

back of our car."

Completing the exchange, the truck driver continued on his way. The nuns began the careful task of pouring the precious liquid into their tank.

A passing motorist slowed down to see what they were doing. Turning to his companion he exclaimed, "Christ, now that's what I call faith."

Quotations. . .

"I have often felt that, to an astronomer, man is nothing more than an insignificant dot in an infinite universe. But then I realize that the insignificant dot who is man is also the astronomer."

--Albert Einstein

"The tragedy of life is not so much what men suffer, but rather what they miss."

--Thomas Carlyle

"Among all the strange things that men have forgotten, the most universal lapse of memory is that by which they have forgotten that they are living on a star."

--G.K. Chesterton

"Astronomer on extraterrestrial life: 'Sometimes I think we're alone. Sometimes I think we're not. In either case, the thought is quite staggering.'"

--R. Buckminster Fuller

Writing Clinic Guidelines

Attention all students! This year the University of San Diego is offering the services of a Writing Clinic for all students enrolled on this campus. The service is free of charge and the Writing Clinic is staffed by graduate students and English majors who have demonstrated superior abilities in English composition. There are only a few rules:

- 1). The student must make an appointment in advance, either by calling Extension 4486 or by signing up in the Faculty Secretary's Office in Founders 128.
- 2). The student must have a first draft in hand when he meets the Writing Clinic tutor for his appointment.
- 3). All appointments will run for 1 hour, so the student should make sure his schedule is free for this length of time.
- 4). Students who use the Writing Clinic will be asked to fill out two forms, one prior to their appointment and one immediately after they have received assistance.
- 5). Students are to be reminded that the tutors in the Writing Clinic will limit their assistance, as much as possible, to the MECHANICS of composition. They will NOT provide the research, the ideas or the interpretations involved in essay assignments.

Appointments will begin February 13, 1978, and continue through the last day of classes during the Spring semester. Appointment times will be from 1:25 - 6:00 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 11:15 - 6:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Writing Clinic will be located in Camino 172 during the Spring semester.

The tutors in the Writing Clinic will be trained to help students state a thesis clearly, organize their essays, and master the other essentials of effective prose. Plan to take advantage of this service!

VISTA NEEDS YOU

Enroll in Journalism 20 and write
for the VISTA next year.
Impress your friends and family!

THE PLACE TO START IS AT HOME

U.S. human rights policy contradicting

by FRANTZ DELVA

The following are excerpts from the Human Rights official document adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its 183rd meeting, held in Paris on December 10, 1948.

Article 1. All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

Article 2. Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

Article 7. All human beings are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination.

Article 18. Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion....

It emerges from what precedes that these principles cannot be in harmony with dictatorship. Candidate Carter, when campaigning for the presidency, declared that if he was elected his government would not support "tin-horn dictators" who use U.S. aid to buy themselves luxuries. Therefore, one would expect Carter not to be flirting with dictators in foreign countries. In Latin America for example, where military and civilian dictatorships are flourishing, President Carter has been caught many times in delicate situations. It is evident that Carter is continuing the policy of his predecessors: he sustains dictatorial regimes in Latin America. Who, then, will protect American interests in Latin America if not the present irresponsible tyrants? Also, experience reveals that the Carter Administration has not enforced the above rules in the United States first before

"Carter sustains dictatorial regimes in Latin America.

attempting to apply them internationally.

The Human Rights policy clearly remains a political device which Washington uses as an excuse to interfere in the affairs of smaller republics. Two examples of this meddling are evidenced by the current U.S. activities in Haiti and Chile.

The former American Ambassador in Haiti, Mr. Clinton Knox, is presently active in the Jean-Claude Duvalier regime helping the President of Haiti to promote the "LEOPARDS," an elite corps to replace the Tontons Macoutes, the civilian Police who maintained the regime through terror. Knox is known to be the defender of "Macoutisme." The Haitians called Knox "the Duvalier's godfather."

On March 18, 1978, the U.S. Department of Justice started an investigation to obtain the release of the Haitian businessman Lucien Rigaud from political asylum in the Mexican Embassy in Haiti. Why

is the Justice Department interested in Lucien Rigaud? In the name of Human Rights, Carter wants to bring Rigaud to the U.S. to testify in an expanding investigation of Congressional influence in Haiti. Lucien Rigaud, a former shipping company partner and confidant of the President Duvalier of Haiti, has said that he can provide Federal investigators with information about the reported activities of Congressman Daniel J. Flood, (Democrat of Pennsylvania). Flood is alleged to have helped Duvalier receive U.S. foreign aid in return for the right to name some of the American

COMMENTARY

by

Frantz Delva

contractors who would work on Haitian projects. Rigaud contended recently that he could implicate other Congressmen in similar schemes in Haiti and in other Caribbean countries. Rigaud has produced documents showing that he was the personal emissary between President J.C. Duvalier and Mr. Flood, Representative of U.S.

Rigaud visited Washington, often living in the Congressional Hotel apartment of Stephen B. Elko (Mr. Flood's administrative assistant) and working out of the Capitol Hill office of the Congressman. Recent sources said preliminary plans in the U.S. Justice Department called for the preparation of a document case which Attorney General Griffin B. Bell would present to Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance. The cause of the divorce between Duvalier-Rigaud and Flood still remains a mystery. Some Haitian officials said that the conflict resulted from jealousy within the Haitian government. Others reported that the dispute is a direct consequence of the contradictions existing among the American contractors vis-a-vis Flood's greediness. Mr. Rigaud escaped from a prison hospital and fled to the Mexican Embassy last fall.

On March 24, 1978, American ambassador William Jones accompanied Haiti's "life-time" president on a trip to Jeremie, Haiti. This show of friendship to the young Haitian tyrant by Jimmy Carter's representative in Haiti has been interpreted by many to be a backward step of the Carter administration in its avowed declaration in support of Human Rights. No doubt, Ambassador Jones will soon be invited to a party aboard the \$1 million Jean-Claude Duvalier yacht in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. And little by little, Ambassador Jones will fall into the groove of his predecessors who did a marvelous job of propping up and defending "Baby Doc."

In the March 31, 1978 issue of VISTA, a section of the article on Carter's Human Rights Plan reads: "The International Red Cross has been allowed to visit jails in Haiti." But contrary to the beliefs of many, the International Red Cross in each country is controlled locally with correspondence with the headquarters in Paris. For example, the Haitian International Red Cross is directly connected with the Duvalier regime. Dr. Hubert Delva, my

uncle, has directed the Red Cross in Haiti since 1957. Dr. Delva was a supporter of Francois Duvalier and continues to support his son, the present chief of state. It is no wonder that the Carter plan is not making any progress internationally.

Carter's Human Rights policy has also failed in Chile. Washington confirmed in July of last year that Chile became the sixth Latin American nation to refuse all types of financial assistance from the U.S. because the Carter administration had made economic aid dependent on their respect for Human Rights. But August Pinochet is the Chilean president, and everybody knows who helped him to seize the power after the assassination of Dr. Allende Salvador. There are five other countries that have refused economic assistance from the U.S. since Carter assumed office. They are: Argentina, Brazil, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Uruguay.

These countries, which are opposing human rights momentum, have been named "OPERATION FAROL" and include Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Bolivia, Nicaragua, and Paraguay. The precited nations regard sanctions on governments which violate human rights as undue interference in the internal affairs of other nations. They also think that the question of human rights should be conditioned by the problem of fighting terrorism. For these reasons, most of the countries in Latin America feel slighted by Washington. They believe that the U.S. is not in a position to efficiently lead this program when discrimination predominates on all levels in the U.S.

Any observant citizen of the U.S. can attest to this fact. One flagrant example of the contradictory aspect of Carter's Human Rights Policy is the Ku Klux Klan case. It is evident that the Klan's interference with Mexican immigration into the U.S. is just a pretense: in actuality, this is another excuse for them to continue their racist

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campaign against non-whites. Despite Carter's Human Rights Policy, he has not attempted to stop the KKK. Thus, one can see that the U.S. hypocritically allows violation of human rights in the U.S., while it promotes these rights internationally. This blatant transgression has occurred repeatedly, as in the cases of American Indians, police brutality, and arbitrary arrests in many cities, including San Diego.

Thus in Latin America and most other countries in the world, the U.S. has gained a reputation of exploiting ethnic groups. These are well known fundamental features in U.S. international politics. The constitution of the United States is founded on the Cristian principles of brotherhood as set down in the Bible. The Bible states, "Charity begins at home." How can the U.S. dictate a human rights policy to other countries when it violates human rights at home?